

Igor's colleagues were not informed about the downgrade. As they explained, archiving does not mean outright closure of the investigation; the case may be reopened if new information emerges. But this did not appear likely and has yet to happen almost 7 years later.

Those are the journalists we have time to highlight this evening. They are just a window into the attack on press freedom going on in Russia, and they stand as a shining example of the courage and dedication of some of the men and women around the world devoted to freedom of the press.

Tonight we honor their memory and we call on the Putin government to investigate their deaths and hold those responsible accountable.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. COSTA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for after 2 p.m. today.

Mr. GINGREY (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of attending a funeral.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and through May 9, 2007 on account of official business in district.

Mr. ORTIZ (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of personal health reasons.

Mr. PEARCE (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of official business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. JEFFERSON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CLYBURN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ELLISON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JEFFERSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WYNN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HAYES) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, May 10, 2007.

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, May 7, 8, 9, and 10, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, May 7, 2007, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1476. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington; Modification of Administrative Rules Governing Committee Representation [Docket No. AMS-FV-06-0182; FV06-946-1 FR] received May 2, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1477. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. AMS-FV-06-0225; FV07-932-1 PR] received May 2, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1478. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Final Free and Reserve Percentages for 2006-07 Crop Natural (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins [Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0027; FV07-989-1 IFR] received May 2, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1479. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Suspension of Container Regulations [Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0031; FV07-922-1 IFR] received May 2, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1480. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Hourly Fee Rates for Science and Technology Laboratory Services-Fiscal Years 2007-2009 [Docket No. AMS-ST-07-0045; ST-05-01] (RIN: 0581-AC48) received May 2, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1481. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. AMS-FV-06-0225; FV07-932-1 FR] received May 2, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1482. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Onions Grown in South Texas; Exemption of Onions for Export [Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0043; FV07-959-2 IFR] received May 2, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1483. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Almonds Grown in California; Outgoing Quality Control Requirements [Docket No. FV06-981-1 FR] received May 2, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1484. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, Case Number 05-09, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; to the Committee on Appropriations.

1485. A letter from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

1486. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a report to Congress on the use of Aviation Continuation Pay (ACP) for Fiscal Year 2006, pursuant to 37 U.S.C. 301b(i); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1487. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report for improving the recruitment, placement, and retention within the Department of individuals who receive scholarships and fellowships under the National Security Education Act of 1951, pursuant to Public Law 109-364, section 945(c); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1488. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Extension of Temporary Exhaust Emission Test Procedure Option for All Terrain Vehicles [EPA-HQ-OAR-2006-0858; FRL-8305-8] (RIN: 2060-A035) received April 23, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1489. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Prevention of Significant Deterioration, Nonattainment New Source Review, and Title V: Treatment of Certain Ethanol Production Facilities Under the "Major Emitting Facility" Definition [EPA-HQ-OAR-2006-0089; FRL-8301-4] (RIN: 2060-AN77) received April 23, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1490. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Extension of the Reformulated Gasoline Program to Illinois portion of the St. Louis, Illinois portion of the St. Louis, Illinois-Missouri Ozone Nonattainment Area [EPA-HQ-OAR-2006-0841 FRL-8304-1] (RIN: 2060-A034) received April 23, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1491. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Air Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Halogenated Solvent Cleaning [EPA-HQ-OAR-2002-0009; FRL-8303-6] (RIN: 2060-AK22) received April 23, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1492. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Surface Coating of Automobiles and Light-Duty Trucks; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Surface Coating of Plastic Parts and Products [EPA-HQ-OAR-2002-0093; FRL-8304-2] (RIN: 2060-AN10) received April 23, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1493. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Approval of Revision to Rescind Portions of the Ohio Transportation Conformity Regulations [EPA-R05-OAR-2007-0155; FRL-8305-3] received April 23, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1494. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Albuquerque/Bernalillo County; Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and New Source Review [EPA-R06-OAR-2006-0568; FRL-8305-1] received April 23, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1495. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — State Operating Permit Programs; Maryland; Revisions to the Acid Rain Regulations [EPA-R03-OAR-2007-0254; FRL-8304-8] received April 23, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1496. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Standards of Performance for Fossil-Fuel-Fired Steam Generators for Which Construction is Commenced After August 17, 1971; Standards of Performance for Electric Utility Steam Generating Units for Which Construction is Commenced After September 18, 1978; Standards of Performance for Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units; and Standards of Performance for Small Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units [EPA-HQ-OAR-2005-0031; FRL-8302-3] (RIN: 2060-AN97) Received April 23, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1497. A letter from the Acting Inspector General, Department of Defense, transmitting the resultant review report, "Interagency Review of U.S. Export Controls for China," pursuant to Public Law 106-65; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1498. A letter from the Under Secretary for Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's notification of its intention to obligate up to \$5.0 million of FY 2006 funds for the Cooperative Treat Reduction (CTR) Program, pursuant to Public Law 109-163, section 1302; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1499. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-243), the Authorization for the Use of Force Against Iraq Resolution (Pub. L. 102-1), and in order to keep the Congress fully informed, a report prepared by the Department of State for the February 28, 2007 — April 24, 2007 reporting period including matters relating to post-liberation Iraq under Section 7 of the Iraq Liberation Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-338); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1500. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final version of "Report on U.S. Government Assistance to and Cooperative Activities with Eurasia," pursuant to Public Law 102-511, section 104; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1501. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia that was declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1502. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1503. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's report entitled, "Federal Student Loan Repayment Program FY 2006," pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5379(a)(1)(B) Public Law 106-398, section 1122; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1504. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting the biennial report on the quality of water in the Colorado River Basin (Progress Report No. 22), pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1596; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1505. A letter from the Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Proposed Final 5-Year Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2007-2012; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1506. A letter from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting the Conference's report on the adequacy of those rules to protect privacy and security, pursuant to Public Law 107-347 section 205(g); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1507. A letter from the Director, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting the Office's fiscal year 2007 update to the Long Range Plan for Information Technology in the Federal Judiciary and the Judiciary Information Technology Fund Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2006, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 612; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1508. A letter from the Chairman, Inland Waterway Users Board, transmitting the Board's 21st annual report of its activities; recommendations regarding construction, rehabilitation priorities and spending levels on the commercial navigational features and components of inland waterways and harbors, pursuant to Public Law 99-662, section 302(b); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1509. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Market Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 1 (Scotch) and Class 3 (Native) Spearmint Oil for the 2006-2007 Marketing Year [Docket Nos. AMS-FV-07-0039; FV07-985-2 IFR] received May 2, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1510. A letter from the Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Federal Aviation Administration's report required by Section 757 of Public Law 106-181, the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. WAXMAN: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 1873. A bill to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Small Business Administration relating to procurement, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 110-111, Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Ms. SLAUGHTER: Committee on Rules. H. Res. 370. A resolution providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 21) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012 (Rept. 110-121). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. STARK (for himself, Mr. LATOURETTE, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY):

H.R. 2122. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by limiting the number of mandatory overtime hours a nurse may be required to work in certain providers of services to which payments are made under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Mr. STARK, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KUCINICH, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. NADLER, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. SCHWARTZ, and Mr. TOWNS):

H.R. 2123. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia:

H.R. 2124. A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to strengthen requirements related to security breaches of data involving the disclosure of sensitive personal information; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. OBERSTAR (for himself, Mr. BAKER, Mr. BERRY, Mr. WALZ of Minnesota, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. KIND, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BOUSTANY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SIMPSON, Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN, and Mr. POMEROY):

H.R. 2125. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure competition in the rail industry, enable rail customers to obtain reliable rail service, and provide those customers with a reasonable process for challenging rate and service disputes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CARNEY (for himself and Mr. PLATTS):

H.R. 2126. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the income threshold used to calculate the refundable portion of the child tax credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BOREN:

H.R. 2127. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 408 West 6th Street in Chelsea, Oklahoma, as the "Clem Rogers McSpadden Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CHABOT (for himself and Mr. DELAHUNT):

H.R. 2128. A bill to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.